

STATES ARE DENIED RIGHTS WITH LABOR

Charge Made at Southern Pine Meeting That Federal Department Curbs All Authority.

CARPETBAGGERS ARE BUSY

Houston Lumberman Claims Embarrassment Are sent to Organize Labor—Protests Negro Activity.

NEW ORLEANS, April 2.—"The department of labor at Washington is sending black and white carpetbaggers to organize the labor of the south and these men are carpetbaggers in a sense just as were those who came south after the war to attempt to place the negro in the white man's shoes," John H. Kirby, of Houston, Texas, president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, told a meeting of southern lumber manufacturers here today.

Mr. Kirby's address was approved at a regular conference of pine producers he called here to discuss problems of readjusting prices in conformity with the program of the department of commerce.

Mr. Kirby said the labor situation, as developed under "centralized powers" assumed by the labor department, is a violation of the rights of states to handle matters of labor between employers and employees.

We have had at Washington for several years a president and administration, democratic in name, at least, he said, and yet steadily we have seen our rights as states stripped away and assumed by federal powers.

Those envoys of the department of labor, no matter what the badges they wear or the documents they carry, have no more right to enter your plants than have the worst strangers, for the 10th amendment to the federal constitution is specific, and is in full force today as when it was passed to reinforce clarity of the original document.

Declaring that the problem of negro labor in the south is not an industrial one, but a racial one, Mr. Kirby said, "the disturbance of conditions of negro labor can not be tolerated without fiercest opposition."

Willing of Meet Whites. He said, when he was asked by the department of labor to advise with their representatives relative conditions in his section, he expressed his willingness to advise with the white agents of the department.

"But," he said, "when it became a question of going into conference with the black official handling the colored economies, I declined."

In the south we tell negroes what to do, we do not take counsel with them," he declared.

Mr. Kirby concluded by saying he has only the best wishes for negro labor, and that the south does not wish in any way to restrict the negro's advancement or prevent him from going anywhere to sell his labor if he can do so to better advantage. He does object, however, he said, to the efforts or propaganda that "is seeking to cause industrial strife in the south by officially operating proselyting for the federation of labor."

WILL HELP CORPORATIONS WITH INCOME STATEMENTS

To assist corporation heads in making out the federal income tax blanks, W. L. Clark, internal revenue agent, has located W. H. New, deputy revenue collector, in room 218 of the postoffice building, where he will remain for several days. Colonel New was detailed to this city one week ago for the special purpose of assisting persons in making out their personal income tax.

Those who are delinquent in the payment of the personal tax, due March 15, or those who desire information relative to making returns on the corporation tax levied by the government, may consult the revenue agents within the next few days.

U. S. Mission Pleads Cause of Irish Liberty



Frank P. Walsh, above, and Edward F. Dunne.

NEW YORK, April 2.—As spokesmen of the recent Irish free convention held in Philadelphia, a commission of three prominent men have been sent to the peace conference to present Ireland's case. The men are Frank P. Walsh, former joint chairman of the war labor board, Edward F. Dunne, former governor of Illinois, and Michael K. Ryan, former public service commissioner of Pennsylvania.

In announcing the purpose of the committee, Mr. Walsh said: "The committee is going to France as American citizens holding no allegiance, actual or spiritual, to any other nation on earth, but imbued with the necessity of extending the

MRS. JUDSON L. PALMER FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Asking an order enjoining the defendant from disposing of his property holdings in this city pending the hearing of the case, suit for divorce was filed by Katherine Palmer against Judson L. Palmer, Mrs. Palmer declares that her husband has subjected her to cruelty and abuse during their married life which began in Kansas City, Mo., June 12, 1908.

She states that her husband is possessed with considerable property in Tulsa, among which is the Tulsa drug store, the residence property at 714 North Denver avenue and stock in the Oklahoma Drug company.

Mrs. Palmer asks control of the child, \$150 a month temporary alimony, attorney fees of \$250, court costs of \$50 and such other relief as the court may award.

Petition for divorce was filed also by Anna Herff against Walter Herff on the grounds of gross neglect. She asks that her maiden name, Anna Baughman, be restored.

M. G. Edwards asks divorce from his wife, Beatrice Edwards, on the grounds that she has neglected her household duties and their two minor children, now in his possession.

CIGARET MEN AND PEDDLERS MUST PAY TAXES PROMPTLY

Penalties consisting of fines and imprisonment on conviction for failure to pay the state cigarette tax and peddlers' tax, will be invoked against delinquents in this matter after April 15, according to Lewis Cline, county clerk.

Cigarette dealers are required to pay a state tax of \$27.10 for the year and (license) medicine peddlers a license of \$50 a year. Heretofore, Cline said, the county clerk's office has been lenient with violators of this law, but this year the statute will be strictly enforced against all cigarette dealers and peddlers of patent medicine who fail to pay their taxes before April 15.

SLAYER OF BARNET OUT ON \$7,500 APPEAL BOND

Bond in the sum of \$7,500 was made in district court Wednesday by W. R. Williams, convicted in the district court session of the March term, and sentenced to serve 20 years in the state penitentiary for the murder of J. F. Barnett at Red Fork, August 3, 1918, for the appeal of the case by the defendant to the Oklahoma criminal court of appeals.

Barnet was fatally stabbed while riding on a Red Fork street car of the Oklahoma Union Railway company near Texaco station. Williams, accused of the crime, was tried and convicted by a jury before Judge Redmond S. Cole last February.

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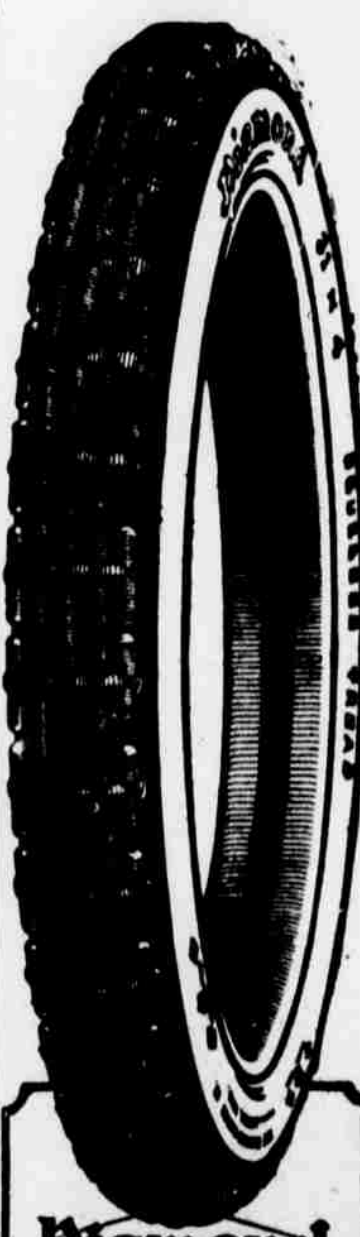


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